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Dear Reader,

I once again have the pleasure to present to you another edition of our monthly e-magazine, The Presidency, for the month of September.

I continue to receive feedback from the readers and we are working hard to make improvements on every new edition, to make the magazine both simple and informative for the reader.

The key aim of the magazine is to bring the Presidency including office and residence of the President of the Republic of Uganda, closer to the public. We believe Government is accountable to the citizenry and every citizen has a right to timely, reliable and factual information from the Government.

In the coming editions, we shall be able to bring you analyses from different Ministries, Departments and Agencies, regarding Government projects, which the President has launched, visited or commissioned, and how they will transform our country.

Key highlights from the President's schedule for the month of September include; addressing the virtual Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) attended by several Heads of State, visiting Karamoja sub-region to assess the security situation, hosting the President of Rotary International, presiding over the 17th Kyambogo university graduation, receiving credentials of eight new envoys among others.

Lastly, in this edition, we are publishing the President's statement on military coups in Africa, issued on 15th September 2021.

I now have the pleasure to present to you the fourth edition of The Presidency.



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Quote of the Month

“I am happy with the report from the Ministry of Karamoja, because these were our first priorities i.e. water, roads, education, health and agriculture (quick maturing crops)”

President Y.K. Museveni, 10th September, 2021



1st September, 2021

President Museveni vows to launch decisive war against Malaria

State Lodge, Nakasero:

President Yoweri Museveni vowed to launch a full war against mosquitoes and malaria saying the focus has been on curative side and not so much on prevention and elimination.

“We were used to mainly the curative side. Prevention is not emphasised. We need to study data, what do we gain if we shift from curative to prevention or elimination.

Can we develop vaccines, eliminate vectors and promote behaviour change?

If we aim at elimination, we need to study how successful countries did it,” he said.

The President Museveni was one of the panellists at a webinar organised by Harvard University to highlight findings from a year-long global engagement on the theme, “Rethinking Malaria in the Context of COVID-19”.

The President was invited by Harvard University and other partner institutions around the world to take stock of the global Malaria situation and offer insights on the most effective and innovative response to control and eliminate malaria across the globe.

The President acknowledged that the handling of malaria has been a bit leisurely. “It is true we have been a bit leisurely in our handling of malaria. We have lived with it for centuries and it is not as scary as Corona and Ebola although the costs of treating malaria are high. We have been diverted with a lot of things including minimum recovery and development. Suppose we eliminate malaria; how much can we save? Can we develop a vaccine? I am ready to launch a full war against mosquitoes and malaria,” he said.

President Museveni said diseases are not simply biology but natural viruses and germs propelled by human behaviour.

“Like Corona, it goes two metres and not beyond. If you take care, it will not affect you.

Diseases are biological agents assisted by human behaviour,” he said. He cited the guinea worm which was endemic here but was eliminated through sensitizing people on drinking clean or filtered water.

The President emphasized that in the case of Uganda, they are looking at eliminating larvae to have less mosquitoes, using bed nets, spraying on walls and for a long time now they have been talking about a vaccine.

“A multi-pronged approach can help deal with malaria including the use of therapeutics,” he said.

He added that community involvement and sensitization is decisive in the fight against malaria and other illness citing tuberculosis, AIDS and COVID-19. He also said Uganda is emphasising research and is supporting various institutions with a lot of potential.

“There is a lot of knowledge in our communities not known to the world. Our scientists get knowledge and subject it to modern research,” he said.

He called for collaborations between countries in the development of vaccines to make the research more efficient.

“Our scientists are not only working on a vaccine; they have also got all the chemicals they need. African countries should collaborate in the division of labour including multiplication of the viruses and chemicals. Collaboration will make it more efficient instead of each country going it alone and wasting time,” he said.

He emphasised change of behaviour by sensitisation and in extreme cases, by force as was the case for Corona where lockdowns were imposed.

According to reports, Uganda has the 3rd highest global burden of malaria cases (5%) and the 8th highest level of deaths (3%).

10 countries have been certified “Malaria free” in the past 5 years including China and Sri Lanka

Africa suffers 90% of the malaria burden and progress has stalled. Today, there are 220 million cases of malaria and 435,000 deaths worldwide – this is the same level of human suffering as was the case in 2015.

Other speakers included the Chair, Rose Gana Fomban Leke, Emeritus Professor of Immunology and Parasitology University of Yaounde, Cameroon and the Co-Chair, Malaria Governance Working Group, Uganda’s Specioza Naigaga Wandira Kazibwe, Senior Presidential Advisor, Population & Health and Vice President Emeritus, Michelle A. Williams, Dean of the Faculty Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

2nd September, 2021

President Museveni meets representatives of UNSC

State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Museveni held a successful consultative meeting with the five (5) Ambassadors representing the five permanent representatives of the United Nations Security Council at State House Entebbe.

The Security Council is the United Nations' principal crisis-management body and is empowered to impose binding obligations on the 193 UN member states to maintain peace. The council's five permanent and ten elected members meet regularly to assess threats to international security, including civil wars, natural disasters, arms proliferation, and terrorism.

The meeting was attended by the Ambassador of Russia H.E Alexander Dmitrievich Polyakov, the Ambassador of China H.E. Zhang Lizhong, the Ambassador of France H.E. Jules-Armand Aniambossou, the Ambassador of the United States H.E. Natalie E. Brown and the British High Commissioner to Uganda H.E. Kate Airey.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Gen. Odongo Jeje Abubakhar and State Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Okello Oryem also attended.



President Museveni gestures to representatives of the permanent members of UN Security Council after a meeting at State House, Entebbe

3rd September, 2021

President Museveni meets West Nile leaders

A tripartite meeting involving government technocrats, West Nile and Acholi leaders was called by President Yoweri Museveni for Friday 10, September to decide on the Apaa land conflict and would be supported by Satellite images taken in 1984 before the war and colonial boundaries to resolve the issue for good.

“My appeal is don’t be impatient. Don’t be like a woman who delivered at 8 months and threw away the baby instead of waiting for nine months. It caused problems because the baby was not ready. I don’t like the idea of just implementation without further discussion. Why not have a joint discussion between West Nile, Acholi and us and we conclude together. Facts are there. Why not have one more tripartite meeting? I don’t want to spoil relations,” he said.

The President was responding to a presentation by Hon. Ababiku Jesca (Adjumani District) on behalf of leaders and elders from the West Nile Region who wanted the President to make a decision on the Apaa land conflict and protested what they described as delayed implementation of Government decisions. “These cross-border settlements are not a problem, just

quarrelling for nothing. If I come and build a house in Madi-Okollo legally, can you chase me? You can live anywhere as long as you do it legally. Rather than raising these temperatures, let us have one more meeting and resolve this. Facts are here, it is just the public relations that are a problem. Focus on the facts. Nothing is hidden, everything is in the open.

Colonial maps are there, satellite pictures are here. By end of next week, let’s have a tripartite meeting here with technocrats from the Lands Ministry, surveyors, satellite pictures before 1984 for both Apaa and Zooka so that we resolve this,” he said.

The President said a decision was delayed because the country was going into an election and getting busy but that now it is time to settle the matter.

He told both the West Nile and Acholi delegation that met him earlier that there are satellite pictures that will be used like was the case for Zooka Forest.

“In 1984, the pictures show that there was nobody in Zooka and all those areas. Now Zooka has been encroached on. You don’t have to develop blood pleasure.

I never get worried because I am for the truth, nothing to hide. If there were ancient inhabitants of these areas, this will be answered by these pictures. All our eyes will see pictures and dates,” he said.

Responding to the delegations’ issues on wealth creation through study tours, infrastructure development in the new districts and appointments, the President welcomed the idea of empowering communities to create wealth at the households.

“What will help our people is household incomes. That’s what I want leaders to understand. If you want people to get out of poverty help them with their own household income. An English man’s home is his castle. I want all Africans in their homes to be like kings, have money and wealth in their homes.

When one of your relatives is an ambassador or a minister, you don’t sleep in his house, you sleep in yours and he does not solve your problems,” he said.

The President however disagreed with the idea of a model farm in each district, and said model farms will be put in each zone together with industrial hubs for jobs and wealth creation.

He also pledged to prioritise infrastructure development especially roads at the borders and agreed to the idea of fish farms in the valleys which can employ youth.

The Minister of State for Education and Sports (Primary Education) Dr Joyce Kaducu Moriku and the Minister of State for Defence and Veteran Affairs (Veteran Affairs) Hon. Huda Abason Oleru also attended the meeting.



President Museveni posing for a photo with a delegation from West Nile after a meeting at State House, Entebbe



3rd September, 2021

President Museveni meets Russia's Ambassador to Uganda

State House, Entebbe:

President Museveni called for stronger joint economic cooperation with Russia and said the two countries are cooperating well on matters of defence and security.

The President was meeting Russia's Ambassador to Uganda H.E Alexander Dmitrievich Polyakov who paid a courtesy call on him at State House, Entebbe.

Ambassador Alexander Dmitrievich Polyakov was leaving after five years of a successful tour of duty in Uganda.

"We need to cooperate more especially on the issue of vaccines for humans and livestock, space technology and modern agro production technologies for a vibrant agro-industrial sector.

I wish you well in your next endeavours," the President said.

Ambassador Dmitrievich Polyakov said that Russia and Uganda have special

bilateral relations which he is happy to have been part of.

"Russia is ready to help Uganda whenever necessary. I am leaving Uganda with tears in my eyes because Ugandans are a loving people with good hospitality, ever-smiling with beautiful hearts," he said.

The two countries have a strong and promising bilateral cooperation in various areas including construction, information and communication technologies and cybersecurity, modern agro- production, medicine, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, geologic exploration and power generation.

The meeting was attended by Uganda's Minister of Foreign Affairs Gen. Odongo Jeje Abubakhar, the State Minister Okello Oryem and Ambassador Arthur Kafeero from Uganda's Foreign Affairs Ministry.



3rd September, 2021

Government to fund ULS, substitute outsourced legal work

State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Museveni said he will push funding for lawyers under the Uganda Law Society especially if their services aid local production and substitute importation.

“I have been told 80 percent of legal work in Uganda is being outsourced and they are earning money from the economy of Uganda. If you push that case of importation substitution and let the work be done by local lawyers, then I could push that you qualify for UDB, I will push it,” he said.

The President was meeting leaders of the Uganda Law Society led by their President, Ms. Pheona Wall, at State House, Entebbe. The lawyers are seeking to become more engaged in the development of the country through dialogue and partnerships and to exploit the job opportunities under the regional integration.

“We have soft money in UDB for manufacturing and agriculture. It is true we were not looking at legal workers as important.

They are like traders who go to China and bring human hair and sell it here when our women here are equipped with very good hair. The interest rate is 12% and might go to 8% for agriculture and manufacturing. Recently, I added tourism that adds blood to us and not taking it from us,” he said.

On the issue of funding for legal aid, President Museveni said Government froze money from foreigners who were doing things Government didn't know about.

The President cited the example of the Inter-Religious Council which used to get money from Europeans until they got into an ideological quarrel.

“Europeans wanted them to support homosexuality and when they said no, they cut them off. We were able to give them state funding.

I can see you have the same problem. We shall see how to fund you,” he said.

President Museveni commended ULS for what he described as progress on their side because it seems from the beginning; the legal service in Uganda was colonial and neo colonial.

“I think that is why your predecessors were spending so much time on externally pushed issues like human rights etc. If you are now talking trade, agriculture, industry, regional integration, and then I say okay you have now landed.

Just like Jesus came to save us, he saw that staying in heaven was not going to help us,” he said.

The President said they have been looking at lawyers with funny curiosity.

“I think the economy is helping you understand better. Being 3,000, you cannot fit in all the narrow spectrum of representing imports. It seems much of your work is to do with criminal issues, a bit of civil like land and then infrastructure. I don’t hear much about advisory services for agriculture, industry, tourism. When Isaac Newton noticed gravity when he saw an apple falling down and not up and realised there was a force. You have also discovered that there is money in agriculture, industry, services like tourism etc. I welcome you. You are waking up,” he said.

The President pledged to fulfil the 5bn for ULS this year or next financial year after consulting the Finance Ministry.

He agreed to the request for the legal fraternity to be included in the Presidential investors’ round table and urged them to exploit opportunities in the oil and gas sector.

The President agreed to the request for an annual meeting with the ULS.

“I will be happy to come and tell you the NRM line. I condemn bail for murder. People who have killed in Masaka for example, they must pay. For you to argue leniency is not in our psychology. The old testament of an eye for an eye is the doctrine of African tribes. That line of mixing up issues that procedure is more important than substance. We have not made it a big issue but that line has been distracting us. Lawyers have not been helping in stabilisation of Uganda,” he said.

Ms. Wall said one of the programmes crucial to lawyers is how to get down to the ordinary people and give them services as a duly established statutory organisation.

“ULS has 3,700 members but 90 percent of them are in the city. We are trying to spread our lawyers out into regional integration and trying to grow the agriculture, exploit oil and gas sectors. We need lawyers upcountry,” she said.

Ms. Wall said they have decided to use dialogue and partnerships with Government and they have already signed some MoUs with the PrivateSector Foundation Uganda and with the UIA to create regional trade advisory hubs.

5th September, 2021

President Museveni meets Dubai Expo Co-ordination Committee

State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni directed the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives to regularly provide market data to enable Government advise the people on the available opportunities for their produce worldwide.

This was after it emerged that the Ministry has data that would guide farmers on the produce and available markets.

The President was recently meeting officials of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Tourism and the Uganda Expo Coordination Committee ahead of the Dubai Expo in October.

Uganda will join over 190 countries and international organizations to participate in Expo 2020 Dubai from 1st October 2021 to 31st March 2022 in Dubai UAE, twelve months from the scheduled date due to COVID 19 pandemic. The Republic of Uganda is participating at this Expo at the invitation of the Government of UAE.

The theme of Expo 2020 Dubai is **“Connecting Minds, Creating the Future”** with three (3) sub-themes of **“Mobility”, “Opportunity”** and **“Sustainability.”**

Uganda is participating under the “Opportunity” sub-theme.

The President singled out sim sim whose total market size in UAE is US\$839 million and yet our exports there are negligible. He also cited dairy milk whose market size is US\$ 2.846bn but our exports are only US\$ 374million and bananas whose market size is US\$664million but we have never attempted that market.

“The people of Northern Uganda grow sim sim. This is a new chance. It is good that you know how much your country is losing. Repentance is provided for in Christian religion, if you repent, there is chance for you to go to heaven. That market is easy for us, it is near, only 5 hours away,” he said.

Other products include mangoes, pineapples, beans, cocoa, tilapia, tea, coffee and fruits and vegetables among others.

The President also directed the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to provide Shs 3billion to finish the Uganda pavilion.

According to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hon. Okello Oryem, the Dubai Expo organisers will mark the Uganda National day on 3rd October which is aimed at promoting Uganda at the expo. Bhaji Kahilfa the tallest building in the world will be decorated with Uganda national flags.

Uganda's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, H.E. Zaake W. Kibedi said with support from the rulers of UAE, readiness for the pavilion is at 90%."

We are aiming to use the opportunity to strengthen bilateral relations. One of the aims for participating is to attract more investments from UAE to Uganda," he said.

Amb. Kibedi said before 2018, Uganda was exporting goods worth US\$400million but now exports have grown to US\$1.2billion and Investments also grown from US\$150m to over US\$800m while remittances from the 60,000 Ugandans in UAE now stand at US\$ 200million.

7th September, 2021

President condoles with Masaka, Lwengo murder victims

State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Museveni condoled with the families who lost their loved ones to Bijambiya gangs that have been terrorising residents of Masaka and Lwengo districts.

“I invited you here to condole with you. We shall get these criminals. Some suspects have been arrested because they left all sorts of clues that we are following,” the President said. He made a contribution of Shs 10 million to each of the 25 families that were affected.

Machete-wielding criminals, also known as Bijambiya, have been terrorising villages, killing people with impunity in Masaka and Lwengo districts. Some of the victims are pregnant, others breastfeeding mothers while others had small children left in their care.

The President responded to several issues raised by Nkwanzi Mary Gorreth on behalf of the victims including curfew which they said gives an opportunity to the wrong elements to attack families in their homes; closure of education institutions which they claim has caused youth to resort to use drugs

and drink alcohol; lack of electricity that gives a chance to bad people to hide under cover of darkness and youth unemployment that has made them susceptible to criminal acts and closure of Churches and Mosques which had a great impact in counseling, guiding and consoling youth.

“We put curfew to stop illness but we can’t stop people from defending themselves. Many people died including Bishop Kagwa, Ms. Mubanda, Ms. Ssentongo etc. we have lost about 3000 people although other countries have lost more,” the President said.

The President agreed that the lack of electricity in the rural areas is key in fighting crime and said while the rural electrification is in the process, it will take some time. He urged Churches and Mosques to use radios and televisions to preach to the people as one of the ways in mitigation COVID-19 pandemic.

“If we open up before people get vaccinated, we shall have more issues,” he said.

Ms. Nkwanzi Mary Gorreth commended the President and the NRM Government for saving the lives of Ugandans from the deadly Covid-19 pandemic.

She also thanked President Museveni for the improved road network in Greater Masaka including the Masaka-Bukomansimbi, Ssembabule-Mpigi, Masaka-Bukakata, Yellow Knife in Masaka City and the current construction of Nyendo, Kijabwemi in Masaka City.

She also thanked the Government for the many government-aided Primary and Secondary schools and for paying teachers during lockdown.

The former District Chairman for Lwengo District Mr. George Mutabazi who also briefed the President about the families that were affected mobilised the victims.



President Museveni poses for a photo with families of the Masaka and Lwengo murder victims at State House, Entebbe

7th September, 2021

Addresses on the Virtual Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) Presidential Summit

State Lodge, Nakasero:

President Yoweri Museveni said that the issue of food systems is multi-dimensional and several areas including improved seeds and agro-practices, storage and post-harvest handling, improved agricultural mechanisation, good infrastructure like roads and railway lines as well as electricity need to be paid special attention in order to build resilient food systems.

He cited other areas including the use of fertilisers, irrigation, markets, proper management of crop and livestock diseases, pest and vermin as well as soil mapping.

The President also mentioned over fishing in some lakes like Victoria that need proper management.

The President made his remarks at the virtual Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) Presidential Summit held in Nairobi ahead of the United Nations Summit that took place in New York between the 23rd and 27th September 2021.

The AGRF Presidential Summit was hosted by President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya and run under the theme, 'Pathways to recovery and Resilient Food Systems'.

The President pointed out that Uganda is not short of food but instead has food surplus that necessitates the need for a big market.

"Uganda has enough food, on the contrary we have surplus for produce like maize, bananas, milk and beef. Farmers would only produce more reliably if they had markets," he said.

Various Presidents attended the summit virtually including President Yoweri Kaguta, Paul Kagame of Rwanda and Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera of Malawi and Namibia President Hage Geingob while former President of Tanzania Jakaya Kikwete, that of Nigeria Obasanjo and former Prime Minister of Ethiopia Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe and Ms. Amina J. Mohammed the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group were present.

The Presidents' conversation was a discussion culminating in the summit declaration, a powerful multi-sectoral statement that would capture the moment, progress, and commitments made as part of the AGRF 2021 Summit's contribution to the UN Food System Summit.

The Summit discussed the future of food systems on the continent and how to boost resilience as well as competitiveness. The leaders also looked at the pathways and actions to accelerate recovery and resilience in African food systems and nutrition security that are key in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) by 2030.

Welcoming his guests to the virtual summit, President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya urged African leaders to work together to identify solutions to some of the challenges faced by the agricultural sector that include among others digital agricultural solutions and as well as effects of climate change.

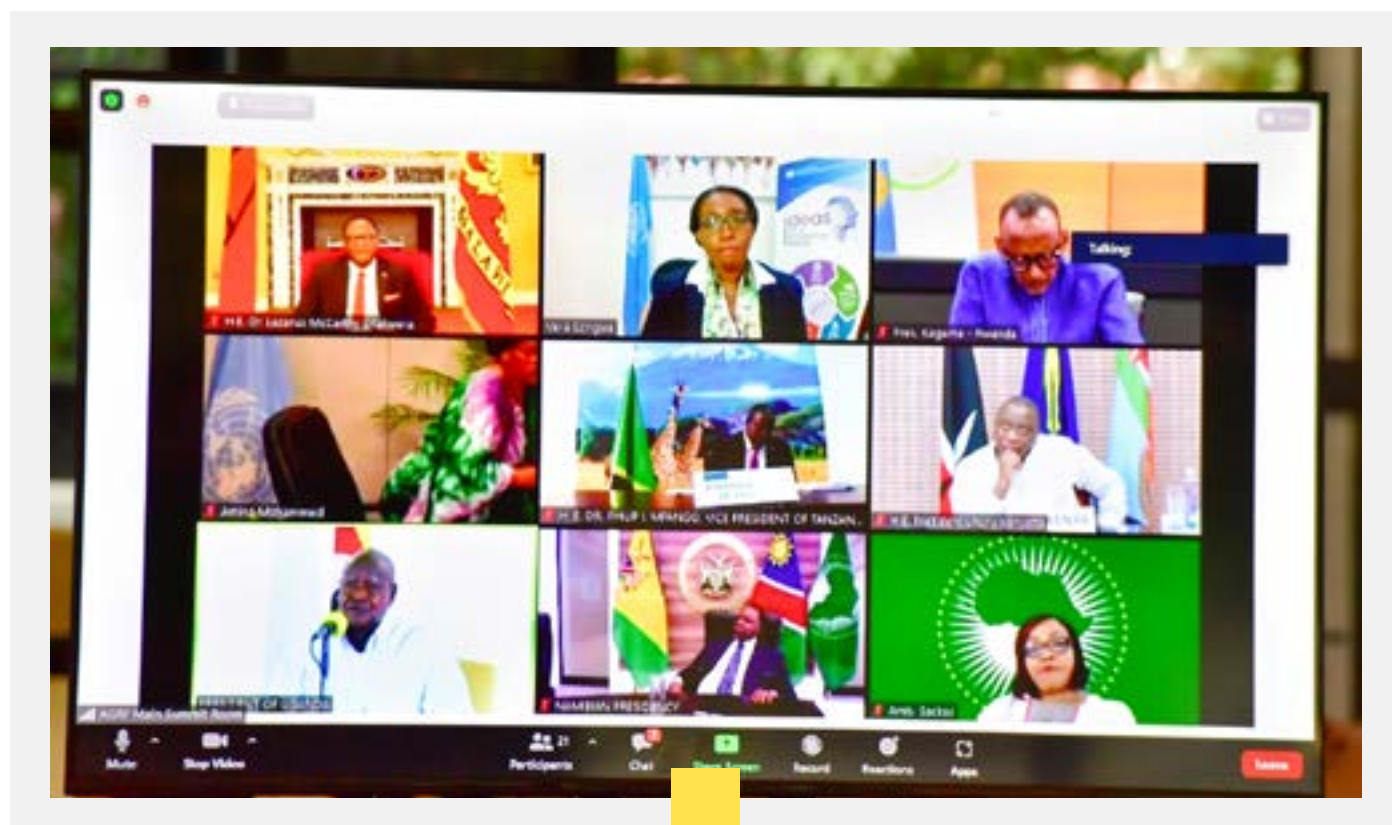
He also urged leaders to encourage the youth in their countries to understand the value and profitability of agriculture.

President Uhuru Kenyatta further expressed his interest in the school-feeding program.

“We should ensure that it is nutritious to our children,” he said.

He urged leaders and all stake holders to use the summit to cement Africans’ position in the transformation of food systems in Africa.

The AGRF 2021 Summit is a defining moment in highlighting and unlocking the political, policy, and financial commitments and innovations the continent has made and that it continues to work towards achieving.



President Museveni attending Virtual Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) Presidential Summit

10th September, 2021

President Museveni mourns Late Dr. Alhaji Bulaimu Muwanga Kibirige

Below, we reproduce President Museveni's condolence message to the family of the late Dr. Alhaji Bulaimu Muwanga.

I received, with profound sadness, the news announcing the death of Dr. Alhaji Bulaimu Muwanga Kibirige, which occurred on the 10th of September, 2021.

I wish to extend, on behalf of the people of Uganda, my family, the NRM Party and on my own behalf, heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the Late Alhaji Bulaimu Muwanga.

My thoughts are with the family during this moment of grief and sorrow. I pray that Allah grant you the fortitude and courage to go through this loss.

The Country has lost a great entrepreneur and innovative business leader, who profitably took advantage of Uganda's vast business opportunities to create jobs and incomes for our people.

His numerous investments in the services industry, agriculture, manufacturing etc. have created avenues for employment and revenue for the Country.

His unwavering commitment and hardwork enabled him to ascend to great heights of personal success and to create an international business empire from very humble beginnings.

He leaves behind a great example, worth emulating, especially for the young generation. Persistence and dedication to correct principles yield positive results in the long run.

May Dr. Alhaji Bulaimu Muwanga Kibirige's soul rest in eternal peace.

10th September, 2021

President Museveni meets Karamoja leaders

State Lodge, Morulinga:

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni appealed to leaders in the Karamoja sub-region to form kraal intelligence units as it emerged that criminal alliances among clans are using mobile phones to mobilise and raid cattle which they then sell to buy guns and terrorise their communities.

He called on them to recruit informers in kraals who will give information to security to respond immediately and fast.

“What I want is kraal-based intelligence. I need an informer per kraal. Our army has the capacity to reach anywhere day or night in one hour. We shall provide small phones to the informers to call security contacts,” President Museveni said amidst approval from the leaders.

The President was in Karamoja sub-region to assess various issues affecting the region especially the re-emerging insecurity occasioned by youth criminal alliances among Jie, Matheniko, Bokora, Pien and Topoth clans who attack their own communities, steal cattle and keep them in kraals before selling them off in exchange for guns.

They also stage ambushes especially along Kaabong-Kotido route to steal from their communities.

The President said that Government will restore sanity in the region especially through fighting criminality because it has a big capacity than before when they started the disarmament process.

“All these insecurities are easy to solve and UPDF will solve them. What will remain now is crime, which police must come in to resolve,” President Museveni said.

The President said this while addressing leaders from Karamoja sub-region in a meeting that took place at Morulinga State Lodge, Napak District in Karamoja sub-region.

The meeting was attended by the 26 MPs from the 9 districts of Karamoja, all the 9 RDCs, LCV chairpersons and all the security heads in the region.

President Museveni observed that the problem in the region is characterised by five issues including; cattle raids, road ambushes, attacking homes, taking cattle on vehicles for sale and because of hunger.

“The main problem is insecurity and hunger.

With raiding cattle, anybody who raids cows should be seen by our security drones especially when they are raiding on a big scale,” he said.

Gen. Museveni promised to increase the capacity of the brigade in the area up to a total of 7,000 personnel.

“We are going to increase the capacity of UPDF in the area. I want the police to come in and tackle crime like stealing one cow, murder etc. Police must organise themselves to go up to the sub-country level,” he said.

President Museveni agreed to strengthen the justice system in the region by adding more State Attorneys as requested by the leaders.

“I agree that the system of justice is very crucial. When people’s goods are stolen and they don’t recover their properties or get compensation they get demoralised. We shall have to strengthen the system,” he said.

According to the President, the strategy now is stopping the crime immediately.

On the issue of hunger, the President pledged to talk to the Prime Minister to get food for the people of Karamoja who are suffering with hunger.

“I will inform the Prime minister to get food so that our people can survive,” he said.

The President commended the Ministry of Karamoja for the development projects in the area and said government will do even more.

“I am happy with the report from the Ministry of Karamoja, because these were our first priorities i.e. water, roads, education, health and agriculture (quick maturing crops),” he said.

He said the security roads in Karamoja sub-region will be improved to enable the army move swiftly and fast when a call arises.

The Minister in charge of Karamoja affairs, Hon. Dr. Mary Goretti Kitutu highlighted key areas of intervention by Government and other development projects in the area that include; water production, education, infrastructure, health etc.

“A total of 116 valley tanks have been constructed in Karamoja. In addition, we maintained five valley dams. We have also done a lot of community empowerment as a strategy of fighting poverty at household levels,” Minister Kitutu said.

Minister Kitutu commended the President and First Lady for their tireless efforts to secure and develop Karamoja region and said, that they have and will continue to have fruitful discussions in ensuring that total peace and development is achieved in Karamoja.

In a memorandum by the leaders read by the Chairperson of Karamoja Parliamentary group also Member of Parliament for Pian County MP Hon. Remigio Achia, while for over 15 years, the region has become an investment destination for many Ugandans and foreigners after the removal of over 40,000 illegal guns from the hands of civilians by the army, the unattended to issues in Karamoja have resurrected the insecurity.

“The cumulative effect of unattended conflict situations brought the insecurity to the stage Karamoja is experiencing now. Some elements in some communities are taking the law into their own hands and criminals interpreting slow response as lack of Government willingness to deal decisively with it,” Hon. Remigio said.

They called on government to initiate a 10 –15-year free education programme for all youth from Primary to Secondary education to stop their recruitment and training into cattle raids.

The group also recommended intelligence led operations to curb crime and pave way for disarmament and quick deployment



President Museveni addressing Karamoja leaders at Morulinga State Lodge

12th September, 2021

President meets top commanders in Karamoja

Morulinga, Napak District:

President Yoweri Museveni, who is also the Commander in-Chief of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces, summoned the army's top commanders over a major assault on revenge cattle raids that have left hundreds dead and thousands of cattle raided causing panic in a region that has experienced 15 years of total peace and rapid development.

The President said the meeting will decide on the final solution to dealing with the re-emerging cattle raids in the Karamoja sub-region which were sparked off by an angry warrior-cum-criminal, Acucu, who was released from prison after 10 years and returned to find his wives married to other men and all his cattle gone.

According to reports, Acucu a known criminal roaming between the Jie and Turkana of Kenya was not helped by Police and the local leaders to recover his animals. He mobilised criminal gangs, attacked and raided cattle from the Dodoth resulting in counter raids by the Dodoth that has left over 400 people dead in two years.

"The Dodoth rejected peace talks with the Jie and have vowed to harm them.

They just want revenge. This cycle must be broken peacefully," the President said.

The President said this while speaking to commanders of top security organs including the UPDF, SFC, Police, ISO and the Anti stock theft police in a meeting at Morulinga State Lodge in Napak District.

Following the revenge attacks, a new set of thugs exploited the situation and formed alliances using mobile phones across clans raiding kraals and selling the animals to buy guns and set up road blocks to rob people.

The President urged security agencies to take time, listen and act.

"Don't beat or torture them, interrogate and avoid impatience. Acucu organised first raids that resulted in counter raids. I now direct that a legal or a patient political actor be identified to investigate how this injustice started. In addition to military intervention, we must help them heal. Military alone will bring suppression but not peace. Peace is in people's hearts," the President said.

He said for Government to be accepted among tribes, it must avenge the wrong.

“What we have now is privatised revenge, modern governments revenge for victims. That is when people can sit back and trust the Government like they have done for the last 15 years. It is easy to isolate the wrong doers. This calls for discipline and high skills in military science,” he said.

President Museveni cited cattle as a major point of conflict and called for cattle management including using chips inserted in the animals to trace movement and registration.

He cautioned security agencies to be firm with fairness and use patient intelligence to expose the bankruptcy.

The President said justice in the traditional societies in Karamoja is very sensitive and if not meticulously followed, clans will come for you.

He singled out three wrongs including; **1. Okushagiza** (Commit unfairness to somebody), **2. Okukyumura** (Commit a wrong against somebody but short of murder), **3. Enzigu** – Vendetta which must inevitably follow murder of a clan member.

‘Treat them firmly but with fairness. The one who steals someone’s cow must pay. It needs patient intelligence not arrogance of colonial and neo-colonial actors,” he said.

The meeting discussed various strategies that will be tabled at the High Command before implementation.



President Museveni posing for a photo with top security commanders for Karamoja region

14th September, 2021

President Museveni meets Rotary International President

State Lodge, Nakasero:

President Yoweri Museveni commended the President of Rotary International, Mr. Shekhar Mehta, for his offer to open up an eye hospital in Uganda and to provide free heart surgery to 100 Ugandan children in India.

“I am very happy to welcome you and your delegation to Uganda and I thank you for your offers of opening up an eye clinic in Uganda and for 100 children to go to India for heart surgery and long distance learning for school children in Uganda,” he said.

The President was welcoming the Rotary International President who was accompanied by his wife Rashi Mehta at State House Nakasero.

Mr. Mehta who paid a courtesy call on President Museveni was also accompanied by a delegation of Rotarians who included among others the out-going Governor of district 9213 of Uganda Mr. John Magezi Ndamira and the incoming Governor Mr. Mike Kennedy Sebalu. Others included Rotarians from Tanzania, Kenya and Nigeria.

President Museveni thanked the Rotary International Executive for the offer and urged them to also consider opening up a blood bank and dialysis centre.

Mr. Mehta whose headquarters is based in Chicago, USA and who has held a series of positions internationally extended greetings from President Modi of India and all rotarians worldwide to President Museveni.

He informed the President of the activities of Rotary International that include providing education, water, sanitation, literacy and skills development to the needy among others.

He said that they are engaged in providing school-going children, who have been affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic, with education in form of long distance learning,

“Children should get the best of technology for learning,” he noted.

Mr. Mehta had earlier visited the August House where a motion was passed in recognition of his organisation’s humanitarian services to the needy communities in the world.

He was accompanied by the Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development Hon. Betty Amongi.



President Museveni receives a gift from Rotary International President (14th September, 2021)



President Museveni, First Lady, Minister for Finance, Planning and Economic Development at URA Commissioner at the celebrations (15th September, 2021)

15th September, 2021

President Museveni presides over 30 years of URA

Kololo Ceremonial Grounds:

President Yoweri Museveni urged the management of Uganda Revenue Authority to eradicate corruption in the tax body and realise enough revenue to finance the country's budget.

"The performance of the country's revenue collection can be gauged by a universal yardstick, the GDP to tax ratio. If our GDP is US\$ 44 billion and our budget now is 40 trillion. If you collect 20% of the GDP you get almost enough money to finance the budget," the President said.

The President who was accompanied by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Janet Kataaha Museveni, was this afternoon the Chief Guest at the thanksgiving ceremony organised by the Tax Body, Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) that was celebrating her 30 years of existence.

The function that took place at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds was graced by religious leaders, former and current administrators of the tax body, among others.

The main celebrant at the service was the National Overseer, Association of Pentecostal and Evangelicals in Uganda, Bishop Joshua Lwere and

the guest speaker was the Bishop of South Ankore Diocese, the Rt. Reverend Nathan Ahimbisibwe.

President Museveni pointed out that the revenue collected today of Shs.19trillion is far below the needed funds to finance the country's budget, leading to the tendency of borrowing internally and externally.

He noted that the leakage is caused by those entrusted with the duty to diligently collect revenue that they divert to their pockets through corruption.

Therefore, eradicate Judaism (corruption)," he said. He thanked all who wished him a happy birthday today as he made 77 years.

The President told the audience the background of Uganda Revenue Authority, noting that from its inception, the tax to GDP ratio was 4% that gradually moved to 10% after some reorganization of the tax institution and has now stagnated between 11 and 13% due to embezzlement of revenue collections.

President Museveni noted that the hemorrhage in tax collection is mainly rampant at the border points where goods brought into the country are

either under or falsely declared due to absence of scanners causing heavy losses in revenue collection.

“The problem with URA is arrogance. You try to guide them but they don’t act. Scanners or X-ray machines will eliminate smuggling of goods. Modern technology simplifies work but my people have been avoiding this technology for reasons best known to them,” he said.

The President was however happy to learn that after his long struggle, the customs officials had finally acquired 39 scanners that will be used at border entry points.

The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports Mrs. Janet Museveni in her dedication prayer thanked God for shepherding URA for the last 30 years, noting that the tax body stands today as one of the most effective institutions in the country.

“Today, we have come to dedicate a fresh URA to you Lord. Help each of us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God that belongs to God so that prosperity will reign in our nation,” she prayed.

Mrs. Museveni also prayed to the Lord to give the leadership of the nation in general and that of URA in particular the courage to fight and eradicate corruption in the country.

The Chairman Board of Directors URA, Mr. Juma Kisaame, told the congregation that the tax body had matured and is now ready to take on the new journey after the 30 years of existence, with zeal and dedication for a brighter future.

Mr. Kisaame thanked President Museveni and all the stakeholders as well as tax payers and development partners for the support accorded to them in the last 30 years.

The Commissioner General of URA Mr. John Rujoki Musinguzi thanked President Museveni for establishing Uganda Revenue Authority and also appreciated the support by all taxpayers, stake holders as well as the Ministry of Finance.

He also thanked all his predecessors for developing the institution. He vowed to have zero tolerance to corruption. He later called all the representatives of the senior management of the authority to take an oath of allegiance and diligent service to the taxpayers, the nation as well as zero tolerance to corruption.

The Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development Hon. Matia Kasaija who wished President Museveni a happy birthday noted that the country’s economy is improving despite the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

16th September, 2021

President Museveni marks World Prayer Day

State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Museveni advised Christians in Uganda to encourage the masses to work and transform their lives through leading by example but not by merely talking.

‘Christians in Uganda should become examples in working. It is written in the Bible that let your light so shine before men that they see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven, so that you influence people by example not just by talking,’ he counseled.

The President was virtually addressing Christians that had gathered at Rubaga Miracle Center to mark the World Prayer Day under the theme “The Day of Atonement”. Pastors Robert and Jessica Kayanja of Rubaga Miracle Centre hosted the ceremony with the chief intercessor Rabbi Kirt Schneider addressing the congregation live from Israel.

President Museveni expressed his gratitude to Pastor Robert Kayanja who distinguished the difference between work and a job urging Christians to embrace and implement the mandate given to them by God, of establishing dominion over all nature on earth.

He said in the emergence of any situation like viruses, droughts, floods

or any other diseases, man should be able to control them as God gave us power of thinking, a blessing that no other creature on earth has. He added that God through his grace made us in his own image.

‘So we are small gods here, we are made in the image of God. He gave us the power of thinking; which other creatures don’t have. In the book of Genesis, it is clear that man was created on Saturday after God had created all other creatures. God gave man the mandate of establishing dominion over all nature,’ he said.

Mr. Museveni observed that self-devaluation by Africans as raised by Pastor Robert Kayanja, was a departure from the path of God.

Commenting on ‘The Atonement’ or ‘Repentance Day’ President Museveni congratulated Christians for observing the occasion describing it as a very important one as the practice is that of holiness and righteousness.

‘You may call it the practice of the Jews but this is a practice of holiness and righteousness. Anybody who does this is a righteous person so I congratulate you and I encourage you,’ he said.

The President reminded the congregation that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and pointed out that he bears witness to this as they, in any struggle, put God first.

‘It could be why God has blessed us because we never have any evil other than defending ourselves and when we are not defending ourselves we respect everybody’s rights. There is no loss in listening to the message of Jesus. I can bear witness. This is what we have been doing for the last 60 years,” he said.

President Museveni thanked Pastor Kayanja and his wife Mrs. Jessica Kayanja for continuing to preach the message of God, adding that the message of Jesus was specific and summarised in the two commandments of loving God with all your heart and mind and loving your neighbor as you love yourself.

‘First of all know the importance of God, have God in your life and in all your actions. Secondly it helps in overcoming selfishness. If you love your neighbor as you love yourself you overcome all selfishness, forgiving unconditionally. Jesus said you should even love your enemies. Those who listened have added value to our lives,” he said.



President Museveni virtually addresses Christians on World Prayer Day

17th September, 2021

President receives letters of credence from 8 new envoys

State House, Entebbe:

Eight newly accredited envoys to Uganda from Sweden, Nigeria, Ireland, Hungary, Angola, Australia, Oman and Indonesia presented their credential letters to President Yoweri Museveni at separate ceremonies that took place at State House in Entebbe.

The new Ambassador of Sweden to Uganda H.E. Ms. Carina Maria Hakansson flanked by her spouse Mr. Carlos Caula was the first to present her credentials to President Museveni. She hailed the existing historic and friendly relations between Sweden and Uganda.

A career diplomat who has served her nation in many countries in the Great Lakes Region, Amb. Hakansson commended Uganda for being a generous host to many refugees in Africa.

She pledged to further strengthen bilateral ties between the 2 countries; Sweden and Uganda.

President Museveni warmly welcomed the new Swedish Ambassador to Uganda.

The new Ambassador of Nigeria to Uganda H.E. Zanna Umaru Bukar-Kolo also presented his letters of credence to President Yoweri Museveni.

Amb. Umaru Bukar-Kolo who was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Falmata Yusufari Bukar-Kolo wished the President a happy birthday and briefed the president about the security situation Nigeria which he said has scored some progress in the fight against terrorists in his country.

President Museveni welcomed the new Ambassador to Uganda and pledged to meet him soon.

The new Ambassador of Ireland to Uganda H.E. Kevin Colgan said he was delighted to be back to Uganda after 20 years. Amb. Colgan who was accompanied by his spouse Catherine Colgan commended President Museveni for the development that has taken place in Uganda especially around Muyenga Hill, Kabalagala and Tank Hill where his family used to live and noted that the area had greatly changed.

“Muyenga, Kabalagala and Tank Hill where we lived 20 years ago is now totally changed,” he said.

President Museveni welcomed the Irish envoy to Uganda and informed him that it was the Government’s policy of allowing Asians to repossess their property that encouraged Ugandans to construct their own houses.

“Most of those houses are owned by Ugandans and factories are mainly owned by foreign investors,” the President said.

The new Ambassador of Hungary to Uganda H.E. Zsolt Meszaros presented his credential letters to President Museveni and noted that Uganda and Hungary have had dynamic relations.

The envoy who was accompanied by the Honorary Consul of Hungary in Uganda, Mr. Gordon Wavamuno, pledged to strengthen further, the economic and social cooperation between the two countries.

“Uganda is one of our main development partners and we are happy to extend to the education sector our support. 20 students have just benefitted from the scholarships Hungary has offered to Uganda,” he said.

The new Ambassador of Angola to Uganda H.E. Syanga Kivuila Samuel Abilio based in Nairobi extended warm greetings from his President Manuel Lourenco to President Museveni and the people of Uganda.

The new Australian envoy to Uganda H.E. Luke Joseph Williams based in Nairobi appreciated Uganda’s contribution to the stabilisation of peace in the region and Africa and also reported that Australia is doing very well in the control of COVID-19 pandemic.

President Museveni welcomed the new envoy who was accompanied by the Australian Honorary Consul in Uganda, Mr. Patrick Bitature. He told the envoy that Uganda has unique climate and also informed him that the country acts firmly in the fight against COVID-19.

The new Oman envoy H.E. Saleh Sulaiman Ahmed Al-Harti conveyed to President Museveni greetings from the Omani leadership.

The Ambassador whose family has very strong roots in Uganda as his wife hails from Ivukula in Iganga district was extremely delighted to be in the country.

Ambassador Al-Harti was accompanied by the Oman Honorary Consul in Uganda Mr. Ingah Atamba Kutesa. He pledged to strengthen the economic and social relations between Oman and Uganda.

The new Ambassador of Indonesia to Uganda H.E. Dr. Mohamad Hery Saripudin also based in Nairobi conveyed warm congratulations from the President of Indonesia, H.E. Joko Widodo, to President Yoweri Museveni upon winning the recent elections.

The envoy also pledged to promote the economic and social cooperation between the 2 countries Indonesia and Uganda.

He disclosed that Indonesia has already offered 15 scholarships to young Ugandan students to study in his country and 18 of them are pursuing Masters degrees.

He further disclosed that trade and investment that were facilitated by the Late Hon. Kirunda Kivejinja will be pursued especially the feasibility study done on reviving the railway line between Kampala and Kasese.

President Museveni welcomed the new Indonesian envoy to Uganda disclosing that Uganda will host the non-aligned movement conference next year 2022 which was very much cherished by the late Hon. Kirunda Kivejinja.

President Yoweri Museveni welcomed all the new envoys to Uganda and promised to meet each of them once the Government hits its target of vaccinating 21 million Ugandans against COVID-19 pandemic.

Present at the ceremonies, among others, were: the Minister of State for International Affairs Hon. Henry Okello Oryem, the Minister of State for Regional Cooperation Hon. John Mulimba and the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Vincent Waiswa Bagiire.



President Museveni greets Nigeria's new High Commissioner to Uganda; H.E. Zana Umaru Bukar-Okolo

17th September, 2021

President Museveni presides over Kyambogo University Graduation

State Lodge, Nakasero:

President Yoweri Museveni urged the management of Kyambogo University to lay emphasis on the original mandate of the University of producing graduates in specific professional skills that include teaching, technical and technology skills.

“I appeal to the management of Kyambogo University not to lose sight of that demarcation of the boundaries - teaching, technology and technological skills. I was looking at your booklet, there are 179 graduates of science with education. They will be teachers in secondary schools mainly. We need more of those,” he said.

President Museveni who is the visitor of Kyambogo University was presiding virtually, at the 17th graduation ceremony where a total of 9,521 graduates of whom 5,074 males and 4,447 females were awarded Certificates, Diplomas, Bachelors and Masters degrees as well as PhDs. 251 students obtained first class degrees in various Bachelors programmes.

The overall best performing student was Mr. Ruma Daniel Henry Bachelor of Science (Humanity, Nutrition and Dietetics) and the best performing

female student was Ms. Nabasinga Joan Mirembe Bachelor of Information Technology and Computing.

The best performing student in the Humanities was Ms. Kutesa Deborah for her Bachelor of Interior and Landscape Design.

President Museveni said in the early years of the University, Kyambogo used to offer courses like teacher education institute for grade 3 teachers that was later upgraded to the 5th level Kampala technical Institute for technology and technological skills and later school for teachers in the area of children with special needs. He added that the three areas were later amalgamated into one, Kyambogo University.

He however, called on the University Council and the Senate not to lose sight of the original set up.

“We need both technology skills and technical high level education starting with science education,” he stressed.

The President congratulated graduates upon finishing their respective courses. He equally congratulated parents for supporting their children and commended the academic staff of Kyambogo University for shepherding the graduates through all the courses.

President Museveni also thanked the Ministry of Education and Sports for supervising Educational Institutions in the country.

Addressing himself specifically to the graduates, President Museveni strongly advised them to take good care of their health and never to indulge in reckless behavior that can prematurely end their lives.

“You are beginning a long journey in life. The first thing you should emphasise is health. Make sure you don’t cause yourself a health problem by reckless behaviour either alcohol or loose living or obesity and get non-communicable diseases,” he counseled.

The President further counseled them to continue learning to remain relevant to new technologies of this very fast-changing world.

“Learn continuously, don’t have the attitude of “arrivalism”. I have arrived I don’t need to know more. Continue learning, science technology is advancing so quickly,” he said.

The Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs. Janet Museveni, thanked President Museveni for gracing the virtual function, adding that it should be the norm for Ugandans and Institutions of learning to get used to because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

She commended the leadership of Kyambogo University led by the Chancellor Professor John Sebuwufu for their commitment and hard work.

Mrs. Janet Museveni hailed the University for producing degree holders in Education and Food Science Technology indicating that the University is now growing in the area of research especially in Science Technology and Engineering.

Mrs. Museveni urged institutions of higher learning to develop programmes that support national socio-economic transformation aspirations and industrialisation of the country.

“I commend the University for allocating UGX 1.5 billion towards research capacity development. I want our higher education institutions to know that Government expects your research to contribute to innovation, knowledge generation and governments strategy for industrialisation,” she said.

She stressed that NRM Government is committed to improve the quality of human resource and to empower Ugandans to enable them effectively contribute to the development of the country.

On the Students Loan Scheme, Mrs. Museveni encouraged the youth in Uganda to take advantage of the programme and other opportunities to acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and competencies to favourably compete in the labour market and contribute to the development of the country.

She commended the leadership of Kyambogo University for the infrastructural development plans like the 4,000 student-seater central lecture block.

“This is a great achievement and I applaud the University for this initiative,” she said.

Mrs. Museveni thanked the parents and guardians for supporting the students through their academic journey and encouraged all of them to be ambassadors of the University.

The Chancellor of the University Professor John Sebuwufu thanked President Museveni for his guidance in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

He said despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the University has continued to collaborate with National and International Institutions as well as strengthening the capacity in the areas of research and innovations.

He urged the graduates to be ambassadors of Kyambogo University and to continue up grading their knowledge.

“Keep on upgrading yourselves, learning does not end,” he advised.



First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Museveni, speaking at the graduation ceremony

21st September, 2021

Museveni receives special message from Kenya's Uhuru

State Lodge, Nakasero:

President Yoweri Museveni received a special message from his Kenyan counterpart President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The message was delivered to the President by Ambassador Monica Juma who is also the Kenyan Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Defense at State House Nakasero.

Ambassador Monica Juma was accompanied by the Uganda Minister of Foreign Affairs Jeje Odongo.

Other members of the Kenyan delegation included Ambassador Raychelle Omamo, the Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Monica Juma conveyed to President Museveni warm greetings from the President and the people of Kenya to President Museveni and the people of Uganda.



President Museveni poses for a photo with Amb. Monica Juma and other officials

22nd September, 2021

President Museveni swears in new Judges, IGG and Deputy IGG

State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Museveni revealed that Government would appeal the court decision to give the murderers of Case Clinic accountant Francis Ekalungar, life imprisonment instead of death. He also emphasised that Uganda has not abolished the death sentence. The President also protested the continued decision by the courts to grant bail to murder suspects saying bail is not a constitutional right and must not be used to provoke the public.

“For somebody to kill a person and you give them bail is provocation. It is abominable. I would like us to cure this ideological disagreement. This bail, what is the hurry? Who are you trying to please? Who said bail is a right? It is not in the Constitution. We are going to work on this. I am going to summon the NRM caucus and if necessary, we put it to a referendum. With this provocation, people will take the law into their hands,” he said.

Mawa Muzamiru the ring-leader in the brutal murder of the Case Clinic accountant, was recently sentenced to life imprisonment.

His accomplices including his wife Resty Nalunga, Yiga Deo, and Huzailu Kiwalabye received five, seven, and 25 years' imprisonment respectively.

“These people conspired to kill the accountant. Now, one was given a life sentence, was the one they killed given life sentence? Was death sentence abolished? The Case Clinic case will be appealed,” he said.

President Museveni was presiding over the swearing in ceremony of six new judges including Justice Gashirabake Christopher, Justice Chemutai Tom, Justice Tweyanze Lawrence, Justice Wagona Vincent, Justice Alice Komuhangi and Justice Nakacwa Florence, the IGG and deputy IGGs at a ceremony held at State House Entebbe.

The ceremony took place this afternoon at State House Entebbe and was graced by the Deputy Chief Justice Hon. Justice Richard Buteera, the Acting Principal Judge Hon. Justice Musa Ssekaana, Attorney General Kiryowa Kiwanuka and other officials from the Ministry of Justice.

The swearing-in ceremony for the IGG Beti Olive Namisango Kamya and her deputies Dr. Patricia Achan Okiria and Ms. Ann Twinomugisha Muhairwe was conducted by the Head of Public Service and Secretary to the Cabinet, Ms. Lucy Nakyobe and that of the Justices and Judges was conducted by the Chief Registrar Her Worship Sarah Langa Siu.

The President urged the judiciary to address the issue of ideological differences when passing judgement on criminal cases to render justice to the victims of these crimes and to avoid the breaking of the law with impunity.

“However, I am seeing an ideological problem between the way you are trained as lawyers and we the freedom fighters and then the population. For somebody to kill a person and you give him bail that is provocation. Justice will lose meaning completely,” he said citing the case of 43-year-old Akello Christine who was murdered by her husband Alal Denis in Anai Ober Cell, Ober Ward in Lira City West. Alal was later killed by a mob using the same panga he used to kill his wife. The President also cited the case of Acucu in Karamoja who returned from jail after 10 years and found his wives married to other men and his cattle stolen. He embarked on a cattle-raiding spree that resulted in counter attacks leaving hundreds dead.

President Yoweri Museveni congratulated the young team of lawyers upon their appointments and noted that the 2 categories of officials sworn in today the Justices, Judges and the IGG as well as her 2 deputies could do a lot to expedite the growth of the economy that has already recovered and expanded.

He urged the office of the IGG led by Hon. Beti Kamya to step up the fight against corruption as the population is already fed up with the corrupt officials.

“People are fed up with corruption; this is not a difficult job for serious and honest people. Your offices are infiltrated, start by cleaning it up and link with the public to collect vital information. Be patient and connect with local people. Corruption is like AIDS; it attacks your defence system. CID doesn’t do its work, research people do not handle whistle blowers etc. Don’t frustrate them. The victims and their relatives are reliable allies in the fight against corruption. Link up with them,” he said.

The new IGG Ms. Beti Kamya pledged to offer motivational and inspirational leadership and said they will do the very best to ensure they deliver the mandate entrusted to them.

“We shall pay a lot of attention to prevention and not just running after cases,” she said.

The Deputy Chief Justice Richard Buteera commended Government and President Museveni for enhancing the Judiciary budget which was increased from 196 billion for the Financial Year 2020/2021 to 357 billion for the Financial Year 2021/2022.

“This increment will enable us go a long way in bringing justice nearer to the people of Uganda: our dream, in the medium term, is to bring justice to all the people of Uganda within a walkable distance,” he said.

Buteera said with the increased financial resources, the Human Resource challenge is to be addressed systematically each financial year starting this year with the recruitment plan of 2 Justices of the Supreme Court, 14 Judges of the High Court, 10 Deputy Registrars among others.

Buteera said in a bid to extend services nearer to the people, the Judiciary has undertaken a number of construction projects meant for housing court premises.



President Museveni poses for a photo with newly sworn in Judges, IGG and Deputy IGGs.



22nd September, 2021

President Museveni meets leaders of Give Directly

State Lodge, Nakasero:

President Yoweri Museveni called on the Global leadership of the International NGO, GiveDirectly, to work closely with the Government of Uganda (GoU) so as to align with Government priorities.

The meeting at State Lodge Nakasero was a follow-up from a previous one held at State House Entebbe in June 2021. It was attended by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Robinah Nabbanja, the Minister of Gender, Labor, and Social Development, Hon. Betty Amongi, the Minister of Local Government, Hon. Raphael Magyezi, and the State Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. David Muhoozi.

The President outlined three key principles for deepening collaboration between the Government and GiveDirectly including transparently engaging Government to ensure the Government is aware of its activities and understand appropriate governance frameworks in place to enable Government oversight of GiveDirectly's programming.

He also urged GiveDirectly to protect its recipients from fraud or scams targeting them to safeguard donor funds.

The President tasked the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister to build on the progress made to align on a path to reopening GiveDirectly operations.

GiveDirectly's Global Managing Director, Joe Huston said he was happy to support Uganda's journey out of poverty.

"We are grateful to be granted a second audience with Your Excellency and are thrilled to deepen our collaboration to support the Government of Uganda in assisting Ugandans' journeys out of poverty," he said.

According to GiveDirectly, they have US\$30m available for current and planned projects in Uganda for poverty alleviation, emergency relief, refugees, disaster preparedness and social protection.

24th September, 2021

Orthodox Pope commends President Museveni for support to Church

State Lodge, Nakasero:

The Pope of the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria, Pope Tawadros II, has sent a special message to President Yoweri Museveni and the people of Uganda and hailed them for the support extended to them following the demise of the late Metropolitan Jonah Lwanga, who served as Archbishop of Kampala and Exarch of All Uganda in the Uganda Orthodox Church. Lwanga who was also the Metropolitan of the Metropolis of Kampala and All Uganda, in Central Africa under the Eastern Orthodox Church of Alexandria, died early this month.

The message was delivered by a delegation of Orthodox clerics who paid a courtesy call on the President at State House Entebbe.

The delegation was led by His Eminence Metropolitan Makarios Archbishop of Nairobi in Kenya who is also the care taker of the Orthodox Church in Uganda.

Other members of the delegation included among others His Eminence Metropolitan Jeromos Muzei Archbishop of Mwanza in Tanzania, His Grace Bishop Silvestros Kizitu of Gulu and Eastern Uganda, Reverend

Father Mukiibi of Metropolis of Burundi and Rwanda, Reverend Father Kibuuka John the Dean of the Cathedral and Rev. Emmanuel Mbaire from Athens Greece who accompanied the body of the late Archbishop Lwanga.

They extended warm greetings from the Orthodox Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and all Africa, Theodoros II, to President Museveni and the people of Uganda.

The Clerics noted that the Orthodox Church enjoys cordial relationship with the NRM Government and deeply shares the same ideology.

“We are looking forward for possible ways of strengthening these relations further,” they said.

They commended the President for the huge support given to their institution by the Government following the death of Archbishop Yona Lwanga who succumbed recently to COVID-19 in Athens Greece.

“Your Excellency, we come here with much love and appreciation to you for having stood with us in this difficult days after the loss of our Metropolitan Yona Lwanga,” their spokesperson His Grace Bishop Silvestros Kizitu of Gulu and Eastern Uganda said.

The clerics in their submission further commended the team that was delegated by President Museveni to organise burial arrangements and included the Vice President H.E. Jessica Alupo, the ICT Minister Dr. Chris Baryomunsi and the Attorney General. Hon. Kiryowa Kiwanuka.

“The team executed their role very well and we appreciate this as the Orthodox Church,” they said.

The President acknowledged their appreciation and conveyed his profound condolences to the Orthodox Church especially the family upon the loss of Archbishop Yona Lwanga.

“First of all, I am very sorry for the death of our brother Yona Lwanga. It was a big loss,” he condoled.

The President pledged to support the church in its development programs.

Later His Eminence Metropolitan Makarios prayed to God to give President Museveni more wisdom and knowledge to lead the country for the good of the people.

A memorial service for the late Yona Lwanga will be held on the 17th of October 2021 and the Orthodox Pope Theodoros II is expected to attend.



President Museveni and Vice President Jessica Alupo pose for a photo with Orthodox Church leaders at State House, Entebbe

24th September, 2021

President Museveni meets Czech Republic Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister

State Lodge, Nakasero:

President Museveni said Government is ready to cooperate with the Czech Republic in the three fields of Agriculture, Health and Defense.

The President was meeting the visiting Czech Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister H.E. Martin Tlapa who called on him at State Lodge, Nakasero.

The envoy who was in the country on a three-day visit was accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Gen. JeJe Odongo. Members of his delegation included the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Uganda, H.E. Martin Klepetko, and the Junior Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Mr. Marek Svoboda.

The Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic in Uganda Mr. Stephen Mpuuga Kaboyo and officials of the Czech Embassy based in Nairobi were also present.

H.E. Martin Tlapa expressed their gratitude for the warm hospitality accorded to them the moment they stepped in the country.

He told the President that his Government is interested in promoting trade and investment between the 2 countries as well as cooperate in the sectors of Agriculture, Health as well as in Defense. He said his Government is ready to offer COVID-19 vaccines to Uganda.

“Thank you for the hospitality of your people from the moment we stepped in the country. We are ready to cooperate in sectors of Agriculture, Health and Defense as well as boost business and economic ties,” he said.

25th September, 2021

President Museveni meets Karamoja leaders

State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Museveni re-assured the people of Karamoja sub-region of Government's total commitment to end cattle rustling and criminality in the area.

"We are going to stop these cattle rustlers. We want them to be cattle keepers not cattle rustlers," he said.

The President who was recently in Karamoja to assess the security situation made the assurance at a follow up meeting with the leadership of Karamoja sub-region on the escalating insecurity caused by cattle rustlers and criminals.

The districts of Karamoja sub-region include Moroto, Napak, Nabilatuk, Amudat, Kaabong, Abim, Nakapiripirit, Karenga and Kotido.

President Museveni who assured Karamoja leadership that comprised, the Minister of Karamoja Affairs Hon. Dr. Mary Gorreti Kitutu and her deputy Hon. Agnes Nandutu, Members of Parliament, LC 5 Chairpersons and Mayors among others, that Government has put in place a strategic security plan that will eliminate cattle rustling and criminality in Karamoja once and for all.

On the issue of famine in Karamoja, the Minister of State for Disaster Preparedness, Hon. Esther Anyakun, reported that her Ministry has already procured 1.48 tonnes of food relief to be transported to the region on Monday the 27th September, 2021.

She said that the first beneficiaries will be people from the districts that are badly hit by famine that include Kaabong, Kotido and Moroto.

The leader of the Karamoja Parliamentary Group who is also the MP for Pian Upe Constituency in Nabilatuk district, Hon. Remegio Achia, thanked President Museveni for his timely intervention in eliminating cattle rustling in Karamoja sub-region.

Also present at the meeting was the Minister of State for Works Hon. Musa Ecweru, the Minister of State for Minerals Hon. Peter Lokeris and the Minister of State for Ethics and Integrity Hon. Rose Lilly Akello. The meeting was also attended by Chief of Defence Forces Gen. Wilson Mbasu Mbadi among others.

28th September, 2021

President Museveni meets NRM Caucus

Kololo Ceremonial Grounds:

President Yoweri Museveni who is also the National Chairman of the National Resistance Movement chaired a meeting of the NRM Parliamentary Caucus deliberating on matters of national interest.

According to the NRM Chief Whip Thomas Tayebwa, they discussed matters of importance and decided on resolutions that will make the country secure.

Following the closed meeting, President Yoweri Museveni guided that the members of parliament go and consult on various issues before another meeting in two weeks.



President Museveni and First Lady received by Vice President, Prime Minister, NRM Secretary General & Government Chief Whip for the NRM Parliamentary Caucus meeting

30th September, 2021

President Museveni lectures students of Zambia Command & Staff College

State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Museveni said the principle of democracy played a big role in unifying the people of Uganda who had been divided along religious and tribal leanings but are now converged because of the line they took, of fronting interests other than identity that led to the creation of a national party.

“Democracy without a vision is sterile. It must be democracy to achieve something,” he said.

The President was giving an opportunity lecture to military students of the Republic of Zambia Command and Staff College who paid a courtesy call on him at State House Entebbe. The delegation of 13 students was led by Col. M.K. Mutila. Other members of the delegation included the Defense Attaché of Zambia to Tanzania Brig. Gen. Mutilada.

The Ugandan delegation included the Defense Attaché to Tanzania and Zambia Major General S. Kashaka and Ag. CTR Brig. Gen F Twinamatsiko.

Mr. Museveni said the next level was to build a national political party that brought people together because of similar interests.

Other national institutions like the Judiciary, Civil Service, etc were built including a National Army that most African countries failed to do because of sectarianism.

The President said Uganda is back on its feet because of the principles of Patriotism, Pan-Africanism, Socio-economic transformation and Democracy following an era that had made it a failed state.

“The student movement towed the line of love Uganda, love Africa, Socio-economic transformation and Democracy as the main principles for transforming society and achieving the middle income status,” he said.

He briefed the delegation of the turbulent political and economic history of Uganda, which had become a failed state adding that their student movement diagnosed the challenges facing the country and counteracted the bad politics of sectarianism practiced by the past regimes.

He told his guests that their student group adopted the principle of socio-economic transformation with the aim of transforming the society from the traditional way of life to modernity and eventually to middle income status.

“That is why our movement was saying, you people this time we must undergo social transformation. You must become modern people. You must go from manual to intellectual labor and to all elements of social transformation,” he said.

He said that is why universal education, skill and intellectual development were introduced to push the programme of socio-economic transformation.

Commenting on some of the concerns raised by the students on the challenges of unifying the people of Uganda, President Museveni said the main problem was to tame the 2 groups of people who were opportunists and obscurantists who were blocking the truth.

“They said we were not realistic, that we were idealists aiming at things that are not achievable. But the student movement became a committed armed force and because of the discipline and dedication they were able to win the hearts of the people,” he said.

The delegation that commenced its tour of Uganda on Monday September 27th, has visited various institutions and returned to Zambia on Saturday the 2nd October 2021.



President Museveni gestures to students of Zambia Command and Staff College after a lecture at State House, Entebbe

28th September, 2021

President Museveni issues statement on military coups in Africa

The Military Coups that have taken place in Mali and Guinea, must be evaluated by the African freedom fighters so that we correctly take a principled stand. In a recent interview with Radio France, I condemned the Coup in Guinea because that was the latest. The same condemnation extends to the one in Mali and all the others like the one that was in Madagascar, some time ago. Why?

It is because the African resistance, right from 1912 when the ANC was founded after the humiliating takeover of the whole continent by the imperialists after defeating the incapable traditional chiefs, had 5 aims: to expel the imperialists from Africa (decolonisation); in order to do that, the freedom fighters had to unite the African Peoples in each territory (colony) by emphasizing Patriotism (the unity of all the people as opposed to tribalism - the word being used was "African Nationalism"); however, patriotism was not enough to defeat the imperialists - we needed Pan-African action to gain more strength (hence, the Manchester conference of 1945, the Accra Conference of 1958, the OAU conference of 1963 etc.); this Pan-Africanism, apart from the coordinated anti-imperialist actions, also anticipated the political and economic integration of either the whole of Africa (Dr. Nkrumah) or in parts (Nyerere Mwalimu); in the anti-imperialist struggles, we were supported by the socialist countries of the Soviet Union (1917), China(1949), Cuba (1959) etc.

and the progressive groups in the west such as Dr. Shepherd of the USA, Lord Fenner Brockway of UK, Olof Palme of Sweden etc.; and, finally, the freedom fighters opposed and resisted neo colonialism – freedom in name but bondage in practice - that is why we condemned the killing of Lumumba, the overthrow of Nkrumah, Modibo Keita etc..

In other words, starting with 1912, African freedom fighting meant the following:

- i. Decolonisation-anti-imperialism.
- ii. Patriotism or Nationalism as opposed to Sectarianism.
- iii. Pan-Africanism in fighting the imperialists but also leading to economic and political integration after liberation (CFTA Continental Free Trade Area and, where possible, Political Federations - like Tanzania- the union of Zanzibar and Tanganyika or the federation of Ghana, Guinea and Mali).
- iv. Internationally, working with those that supported the independence of Africa and opposing those that support the subjugation of Africa.
- v. And, by that very fact, opposing neo-colonialism in Africa, Asia and Latin America (the war in Vietnam, the killing of Lumumba, the actions in Libya, recently, etc.).

Here, in Uganda, this is how we have been assessing actors. Idi Amin announced his coup d'états at 1500 hours on the 25th of January, 1971. By 1700 hours, on the same day, we met at Yona Kanyomozi's house in Bugolobi and we resolved to fight Idi Amin with arms. Who were we? We were part of the East African Student Movement that included people like Adrew Shija - Tanzania, John Garang- South Sudan, Peter Kinyanjui - Kenya, Mwakasungura - Malawi, Charles Kileo - Tanzania, Eriya Kategaya - Uganda etc. We believed in the five aims outlined above and we assessed all political actors accordingly. We did not fully agree with Mzee Obote. However, we thought that we could work with him on the issue of integration of Africa and on anti-imperialism. With Idi Amin, however, there was no hope. It was clear that he was an uninformed tool of some external actors whose interests were inimical to ours. Amin and the soldiers that followed him, had, therefore, no right to interfere with our destiny march. Guns, our guns bought for them from China (AK-47s), Czechoslovakia (BTR-60- armoured personnel carriers) etc., with our own money, could not intimidate us. We could and we did quickly learn the use of these instruments of force and, by 1979, Amin and his misdirected soldiers, were in full-flight, running away from the justice of the Ugandan revolutionaries.

Were we wrong to take up arms against Idi Amin? Not at all. This is because Idi Amin and his fellow golpists in Africa, were almost all of them agents of anti-African interests. We were calling them reactionaries and puppets of foreign interests. Who were they?

They were the following: Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu Wa Za Banga, Eyadema of Togo, Afrifa of Ghana, Bokassa of Central Africa Republic, Habyarimana of Rwanda, etc. What proof do we have that they were agents of foreign interests and against our destiny? When Afrifa overthrew Mzee Nkrumah, the latter had either proposed to or had actually sent a reconnaissance group to the Zambezi valley (Zambia side) to participate in the confrontation against Ian Smith in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

I remember, that in one of his speeches, Afrifa actually cited this as one of the reasons of overthrowing Mzee Nkrumah. After that, Ghana withdrew completely from the anti-colonial struggle and yet, hitherto, she had been the pointsman in the anti-colonial struggle.

Fortunately, for Africa, we had a few far-sighted and courageous elders of ours that did not desert the frontline of resistance to colonialism and imperialism. These were: Mwalimu Nyerere (Tanzania), Mzee Kaunda (Zambia), Mzee Seretse Khama (Botswana), Abdul Nasser (Egypt), Houari Boumediene (Algeria) and Mzee Sekou Toure (Guinea-Conakry). With material supplies (weapons) and training from the socialist camp (the Soviet Union, China, Cuba etc.), they gave training camps and rear bases to the African freedom fighters from Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe, Namibia, South Africa and GuineaBissau. By 1974, the African Armies had defeated the Portuguese army in Africa (a total of almost 200,000 soldiers); by 1980, the regime of Ian Smith, that had declared that it would sit on top of the Africans for another 1000 years, was defeated.

In 1986, Uganda's leadership came into our hands and we also made our humble contribution. Ever since 1975, the number of the frontline states had grown from the original 3 (Tanzania, Zambia and Botswana) to the then six (adding Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Angola). Later, Namibia (1990), joined the frontline states. By 1994, South Africa was liberated. All this was the work of the African freedom fighters, supported by other anti-colonial forces in the World.

The question to ask is: "What would have happened if the Afrifa – Amin - Mobutu line of collaboration with imperialism at the expense of African interests, had succeeded?" In the article, I have talked of only the African countries where there was fighting. There were, however, others that were not independent by the time the Afrifas betrayed us in Ghana. These were Sao-Tome and Principe, Equatorial Guinea, Djibouti, Seychelles. Swaziland, Lesotho, Western Sahara etc.

Definitely, in the countries where the fighting took place, the imperialists had no intention of accepting African empowerment, leadership, and democratic participation.

Portugal used to say that their African colonies (Mozambique, Angola etc.) were not colonies. That they were "overseas provinces of Portugal"!! It was a titanic struggle in which our few elders, led as well. Therefore, "the struggle between the two lines", as the Chinese used to say, the line of independence and the line of flunkeyism, has been crucial and decisive in Africa.

The imperialists wanted to extirpate the independent-thinking leaders in Africa, like they did with Lumumba, Nkrumah, Modibo Keita, etc.

The Portuguese invaded Conakry on the 22nd of November 1970. Sekou Toure and the Guinean resistance, defeated them. Hence, Guinea of Sekou Toure, remained a reliable rearbase for the PAIGC (Partido Africano Independencia of Guinea and Cape-Verde). That is how Guinea-Bissau, led by the capable Amilcar Cabral, whom the traitors assassinated on the 20th of January 1973, struck one of the biggest blows to Portuguese colonialism, so much that the defeated Portuguese Commander there, General Spínola, when he went back to Portugal, led the "golpe" (coup) against the fascist "Professorio Doctorio" Marcello Caetano. Another strategic defeat had been inflicted on the Portuguese in Cabo Delgado Province when comrade Samora Machel defeated General Kaulza D'Arriaga's "Operation Gordion Knot", in 1971, where he had employed 35,000 soldiers in that offensive.

The imperialists tried to overthrow Mwalimu Nyerere (the William Chacha Coup, the planting of bombs by South African Commandoes landed by submarines at, for instance, Selander bridge-200meters from where I was staying at Sun and Sand hotel), etc.

Therefore, when it comes to these new Coup d'états in West Africa, we must ask three questions. The questions are: 1. What is the ideological stand of these Coup makers?

Do they understand the 5 aims of the African freedom fighters that caused the formation of the ANC in 1912?

2. Whom are they overthrowing in terms of ideology and aims? Who is Alpha Conde, who is Keita, ideologically? Are they in the tradition of the African freedom fighters like Nkrumah, Nyerere, Sekou Toure etc?

3. What right do these Coup makers have when it comes to interfering with our destiny? I certainly do not know the ideological position of the Coup-makers. There are, however, clues that show that they may not be part of the freedom fighters.

The African Union has made some positive steps in working for the realization of some of our 5 strategic aims. The OAU supported the decolonization of Africa by creating the committee of 9 that Co-ordinated the anti-colonial armed struggle. This committee was based in Dar-es-Salaam and was headed by George Magombe and, later, by General Hashim Mbiita (both of Tanzania).

Secondly, recently, they accepted and launched the CFTA (the Continental Free Trade Area)- one of the strategic aims of the African freedom fighters, to ensure our prosperity. It is this African Union that has outlawed Coups. Who, then, are you to make a Coup against the decision of the AU? Whose interest are you serving?

Besides, I was amazed and amused by the arrogance of these people. When summoning former Government Ministers etc, one of them said that if anybody summoned does not come, he/she will be regarded as having declared rebellion!! Really!! Especially for the politicians, they have a right and even an obligation to say: “No”, to whatever they don’t agree with. Saying “No”, includes not attending

meetings called. It is a peaceful way of showing one’s unhappiness. It is up to the organiser to come and see why I did not come to the called meeting so that, if he can, he addresses and cures the grievance. To declare that peaceful abstaining from a meeting is rebellion, shows that you may be a fascist.

4. Who is Alpha Conde, Who is Keita of Mali, ideologically? Certainly, the few times I interacted with Professor Conde, he belongs to the tradition of African freedom fighters; he told me that he supported the federation of West Africa that would utilise the Mandingo, Fulani and other cross-border communities, to build such a political union, in addition to economic integration (ECOWAS, CFTA, COMESA etc.). Of course, we do not know much about the internal politics of Guinea. Nevertheless, even when you have other differences, it should not eclipse the big aims you share. This is what we always believe and do. Examples of this are plenty.

5. Finally: “Do the coup-makers have a right to interfere with our destiny?” The answer is a categorical “no”; it is good that the African Union accepted the minimum position of outlawing these coups. The freedom fighters, who themselves have not harmonised well among themselves, but must reject flunkeyism, should have no problem with leaders that do not share their views provided they are elected.

Elections mean one person, one vote, by secret ballot, at regular intervals. This is the minimum they all have set and it is a good one. If people who do not share our views win the elections, provided they do not engage in extra-judicial killings, we

should accept their leadership and struggle against their wrong positions peacefully. The position of one person, one vote, by secret ballot, at regular intervals, is a good minimum position because it addresses the substance of democracy, which means the continuous and perpetual supremacy of the sovereignty of the people. Nobody has a right to interfere with this.

Some of us, in the foot-steps of the freedom fighter elders, cannot contentedly accept that Africa becomes a Latin America in Africa. The struggle led by the elders was: “for a free and United Africa”; not for “an unfree (neo-colonial) and dispersed Africa.” The 5 strategic goals, had, each, a reason: Decolonisation to regain the freedom to decide for ourselves; Patriotism to create strength in each country by uniting the people and opposing sectarianism (*Umoja ni nguvu, Agali awamu ge galuma enyama*); Pan-Africanism to create more strength, cater for our prosperity through uniting the African markets for our producers of goods and services through economic integration and create strategic security through political integration;

Utilising the support of the Socialist countries as well as the anti-colonial forces in the West to strengthen ourselves after Independence even some of the right-wing actors in the West, started working with the freedom fighters, although quite often they relapse into their wrong attitudes of arrogance.

Finally, rejecting all attitudes of neo-colonialism; Uganda is strong today and on the verge of becoming a middle income country, because we rejected flunkeyism- we resisted Idi Amin when he was being dined and wined in some capitals.

The present chaos in many parts of Africa is on account of not fully implementing the goals of the elder-freedom fighters. That is why some of us cannot give up the struggle for these strategic goals.

In the last 60 years, the only actors on the African scene that came through military coups that stood with the freedom fighters at some point were: Marian Ngouabi in Congo-Brazzaville; General Obasanjo on the matter of Angola; Col. Mengistu on the issue of Zimbabwe (I think he trained some freedom fighters from there); and Col. Houari Boumedienne of Algeria who trained freedom fighters from Mozambique and other countries that were still occupied.

Sometimes, in a number of cases, some Western leaders take the side of the African freedom fighters in some controversial arguments. I can remember of 1976 when H.E Jimmy Carter took our side in the matter of Angola when the South African Whites (the Boers) had invaded Angola to put their puppets in power; 1980 when Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher brokered the settlement on Zimbabwe; and 1990-1994 when H.E De Kirk, reached a peaceful settlement on South Africa. All these were, however, preceded by the correct and determined actions of the African freedom fighters. Long live the Sovereignty of the African people through regular free elections of one person one vote, by secret ballot.

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